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Beach Combings.

The Jane Jones is on the ways being newly painted.

W. H. Parker was a Panama City visitor yesterday.

Rev E. W. Roberts held services here on last Sunday.

Isaac Shores, of Compas Lake, was an arrival here yesterday.

Mrs O. L. Smith, of Chipley, is visiting at Mrs J. B. Hogebooms.

A. G. Chandlee and wife leave for their home in Chipley tomorrow.

Ed Standifer, wife and baby, were Panama City visitors on Friday last.

Hon James N. Wilson, of Sneads, Fla., was a Panama City visitor on Sunday.

Judge J. D. Ferrill, of Sneads, accompanied Mr. Wilson here on Sunday last.

Roderick Holliday, mother, and sister, were Panama City visitors this forenoon.

A. B. Jenks has his large house on second street all completed but putting on the ceiling.

Already the canvass covered wagons have began to arrive in town from far distant points after fish.

Capt Frank Witherill made a trip today to Allanton to get ceiling for the Gulf Coast Development Co.

The launch Juanita has been taken to St Andrew to be docked for painting and general overhauling.

J. B. Hogeboom left for Chipley this morning taking E. B. Standifer and wife, and Chas. Standifer.

G. H. McKenzie has been slightly under the weather for a day or so suffering from a lame leg caused by a carbuncle.

The barge Clooney has been loading all the week at the dock with lumber from the Panama City Mill Co., for Pensacola.

Mrs Carl Setterlind and son Brown, left this morning for Gay where they will recreate for the next four weeks.—Verdict, Chipley.

Mrs E. M. Goodson left on the Tarpon Wednesday, with her daughter Elsie, for a visit with relatives and friends in Apalachicola.

Miss Hallie Beatrice Hodge and Frank Ford Kinney will be married on Monday evening, August 19th, at First Baptist church, Cromanton.

M. B. Jenks, leaves on Fridays Tarpon, to attend the wedding of his college chum, Paul Murphey, of Kansas City, Mo., to Miss Ruth Weltmer.

L. W. Crow of Blue Pond brought down this week ninety nine head of work oxen, to be used in logging work for the G. A. L. Co. He is encamped near Mr Prows farm.

L. H. Parker, a log contractor for the G. A. L. Co., was quite badly injured on Tuesday by the running away of an ox team. Dr Lee of Millville looked after his injuries.

The Cleo arrived Saturday afternoon, and went to Panama City and Parker on Monday. The boat had a full cargo of general merchandise for bay points. It expected to sail last evening for Pensacola.

President Steele writes that owing to the heavy rains of the past few weeks progress has been delayed somewhat in grading and track laying, each day however sees the road a little nearer Panama City.

Three teams from Jackson county with covered wagons arrived last night. They came along the grade of the A. & St A. B. road and report that portion between Spanns and the north end of Mr Gays contract, as being covered with men.

E. M. Goodson, now on the Tarpon, informs us that he has not disposed of his interest in the Panama City Real Estate Co. as was reported in last weeks PILOT. We are glad that E. M. still holds to his interests here. We need just such young men as citizens.

The Standard Oil Co., have reduced the price of gasoline at their St Andrew agency to 19 cents per gallon that they may if possible drive the Pure Oil Co., from the this section of the country. When they do, then up will go their prices. As it is the Pure Oil Co. that has brought about

this lowering of prices, and as they are furnishing a very fine grade of gasoline to our boatmen, it behooves them to see that the latter company are kept in the business here.

All of the bay fishermen have been very busy the past two weeks getting their nets and rigging in readiness for the Fall fishing which begins today. Scarcity of hands has delayed some, and the salt supply here is not as yet very extensive. The Pilot wishes one and all a most prosperous season.

The attention of our readers is called to the advertisement on another page headed "Bargains." It refers to the sale now going on at Millville of the entire stock of goods of the late Henry Bovis. Everything will be sold at some price. This is an excellent opportunity to get good goods cheap.

The Leonore, Capt Witherill, took a party to the gulf beach yesterday evening, where they enjoyed surf bathing and all the other pleasures of the sunset hour on the border of the gulf. Among the party were Messrs Casler, L. W. Crow, and Philip B. West, and Mesdames G. M. West, L. M. Ware, and the Misses Maggie Philips, Bessie Calhoun, Maggie Alderman, and Beman Milton. On the return the party met the Tarpon, when Mr Casler was transferred to it, en route home.

Twice last week the letter mail for Panama City as sent to Parker, delaying it in one instance 24 hours, and in the other 48 hours. If these miscarriages of the mail were only an occasional event they might be overlooked, but their frequent recurrence in many instances resulting in loss to those who are doing business through the mails, has resulted in a deeply seated opinion that this section is receiving decidedly unfair and unbusinesslike treatment in the matter of postal service. The attention of the PostOffice Department has been called to these conditions repeatedly, but these complaints are treated with silent contempt. There are no votes to gain by giving a square deal to this region.

It is estimated that one fourth of the land in Jackson county is suitable for tobacco raising. Some very fine crops have been raised this year near Marianna. If Jackson county can raise the finest of tobacco at a large profit per acre Washington county can and should do likewise. Our tobacco has been given the highest praise in the past, in fact it was the Washington county exhibit at Pensacola, called forth by Col Chipleys efforts to develop West Florida, that brought this section to the fore as an important tobacco raising district.

Millville Notes.

Parties were in town one day the past week looking for a location for a store.

The Bailey family brought to town a beat load of nice grapes from the Ecker place.

Geo Fenters and wife, Mrs Clark, Mrs Dobb, Miss Hallie Hodge and S. T. Fenters spent Tuesday in town.

A number of people from other places want to find houses and move here, but houses are so scarce many cannot find places. It seems as though it would pay some one to build cottages to rent.

As Thos Mauger was loading his boat with freight at the Bovis wharf the little wharf gave way and Mr Mauger came near getting hurt. He went head down and hung up by his feet till some one came to his rescue.

The store of the late Henry Bovis has been crowded many times the past week with those seeking bargains at the closing out sale of the stock. Many have come from various points on the bay to make purchases.

Alec Register shipped his wool clip from Millville on the Tarpon last Friday. He has thus far sheared about 900 sheep out of the thousand he owns. Shearing is about over in this section, and the sheep men report a fairly good clip.

BANK OF PANAMA CITY.

Over 35 Subscribe for Stock In a Day.

According to announcement in last weeks PILOT, on Friday last Messrs W. H. Milton, R. L. McKenzie, and G. M. West visited such points on the bay as they could reach in the limited time at their command, in the interest of the Bank of Panama City. At all points they found a lively interest displayed on the subject, and out of some 35 persons interviewed, all but one took stock in the enterprise. Such unanimity was very pleasing to Mr Milton who has organized many banks, and was very much in accord with his ideas of how a bank should be started to become successful in any community.

The party could only visit Cromanton, Parker, Millville, and Anderson, and did not find it possible through the brief time allowed them to interview all they wished too at those points, but Mr Milton had to return on Saturday to his home in Marianna, so a second day could not be given to the work. As some who could not be reached had expressed a desire to take stock a small sum was set aside for such purposes.

Saturday morning the organization papers were drawn up and so far completed as to be ready to present to the governor for a charter. Mr Milton was authorized to purchase the necessary supplies, safe, &c., and get everything in readiness for the opening of the bank in temporary quarters as soon as possible, until the bank building is erected.

The following officers were elected: G. M. West, president; W. H. Milton, vice president; R. L. McKenzie, cashier; and G. M. West, W. H. Milton, R. L. McKenzie, A. J. Gay, and John Milton, Jr., directors.

The following is a list of stockholders up to this date: W. H. Milton, Milton Land and Improvement Co., R. L. McKenzie, G. M. West, Gulf Coast Development Co., F. A. Witherill, A. J. Gay, W. B. Lassater, H. J. Britt, F. W. Hoskins, W. H. Parker, W. J. Lee, J. M. Barrow, G. M. B. Harries, F. C. McGill, A. M. Douglass, H. L. Griffith, A. H. Allen, C. E. Russ, W. B. Gray, R. M. Henderson, F. B. Clingo, Jacob S. Melvin, W. K. Hall, C. W. Forbes, R. C. Barnett, M. F. Patton, H. J. Jennings, T. B. D. Gainer, J. H. Anderson, Hettie C. Smith, James N. Wilson, Panama City Mill Co., J. E. McKenzie, R. McLellan, A. Hogeboom, Charles Adie, C. T. Poston, G. H. McKenzie.

ARREST AND ESCAPE.

Deputy Sheriff A. Hogeboom received word from the sheriff at Dothan, Ala., that a man named Dan Peel had escaped from the jail there, and as his father lived on West Bay, asked that he be looked for here, as it was thought he would make for his fathers home. On Monday Peel came to St. Andrews to go on a fishing smack, and was taken in to custody by Deputy Sheriffs Danford and Hogeboom who brought him here on the Cleo, intending to take him to Chipley at once, but postponed the trip until Tuesday morning. About 6 p. m. Monday evening Peel not being confined or shackled took leg bail, and in the twilight was soon out of reach in the dense woods that surround this place.

Soon after his escape his father, who had secured a writ of habeas corpus, with other of his friends, reached here, to prevent his being taken out of the state. Peel had made unnecessary any further legal steps, and will probaly be more cautious in future about visiting this section.

Gay.

Mr Horn, of Wausau, visited L. C. Gay, last week.

Capt Frank Witherill was in town last Monday on business.

L. C. Gay spent several days at Panama City last week.

Mr and Mrs Walsingham were the guests of A. J. Gay and wife last Sunday.

Little Walter Anderson is visiting his grand parents, Capt and Mrs Anderson.

L. C. Gay and wife spent last Sunday with Capt and Mrs Frank Ware, at Bay Head.

Capt Witherill, with the launch Leonore, took a large load of freight to Bay Head last Monday.

L. C. Gay and John Peterson, transacted business at St Andrew last Tuesday, they went down in the "Gladys."

The Misses Pauline Edwards and Juanita Green came up from Panama City last Monday with Mr A. J. Gay to spend a few days with Vesta Gay.

Capt S. W. Anderson took Dr and Mrs Booth to St Andrew last Thursday evening in his pretty and neat little launch making the run in 1 hour and 50 minutes.

Messrs G. M. West and R. L. McKenzie, of Panama City, with Mr Milton, of Marianna, visited the business men at different points on the bay last Friday in the interest of the Panama City Bank. We understand they met with unusually good success.

Dr Booth, who is convalescing from an illness of several months duration, left on the Tarpon last Friday, en route to his old home at Binghampton, N. Y. We trust the change may be markedly beneficial to him and that he will return to his friends in his former good health. He was accompanied as far as Millville by Mrs Booth.

Parker Items.

Parker is full of summer people these days.

Mrs J. N. Wilson visited Millville Friday of last week.

Mrs A. L. Pratt took a trip to Cook Tuesday on business.

Mrs W. A. Bryan left for her home in Chipley on Saturday last.

Wonder if those same wedding bells are yet ringing in Cromanton.

Our mail carrier Ellis Davis was up on Sunday and made a short visit at home.

Mrs J. P. Richardson and Mrs W. H. Parker visited in Millville one day last week.

The schooner Cleo was up on Monday of this week and delivered freight for W. H. Parker & Co.

Firemen A. L. Pratt of the light house, left on the Tarpon Friday for Tampa being called to duty.

Maj. W. H. Milton, G. M. West and R. L. McKenzie were business visitors in Parker on Friday last.

Mr Vickery of the Bay Bottling Works, was up last Friday with soda water for W. H. Parker & Co.

Hello! Bennett, Parker is alright, is kind o'like an oyster, opens up and spouts out what it has to say, and then shuts up again.

Judge Ferrel and wife of Sneads, arrived Wednesday night of last week via, Wetappo, and are stopping with Hon. J. N. Wilson and family.

Lieut. Tho's Spencer and mother of Wewahitchka, came down Wednesday evening and spent Thursday visiting Mrs. S. E. Donaldson and family.

I was confident the "Panama City correspondent" was a man, but I believe now that he must be a woman, as he seems bent on having the last word.

Lieut. Thos. Spencer left on last Fridays Tarpon for Pensacola, accompanied by his mother, Mrs Spencer, on a visit to her daughter, Mrs Dr Tiller.

C. J. Raffield and son was in town one day last week, getting ready for fishing again. Capt Raffield is one of our good fishermen; catches his share of the finny tribe.

St Andrew.

Judge Leslie, and wife, left for home on the Tarpon yesterday.

Mrs C. E. Booth was a visitor at Mrs G. M. Wests last Thursday night. Miss Maggie Alderman returned to Mrs Wares at Old Town on Saturday last.

Mrs G. M. West accompanied Dr Booth and wife as far as Millville on Friday last on the Tarpon.

Roderick Holiday launched his boat the Tau yesterday, and from now on will be enjoying gliding over the waters of the bay in it.

Robert Baker who is now purser on the steamer Fritz, running between Pensacola and Choctawhatchie Bay points, arrived on yesterdays Tarpon for a short visit at his parents home in Old Town.

Mr and Mrs Eb Standifer and baby left yesterday morning for the bay country to be gone some weeks. They will join Mr and Mrs A. G. Chandlee and Charley Standifer who have been there a week or more.—Verdict, Chipley.

J. Russ and wife, and daughter Frances, Miss Maggie Phillips and Miss Beman Milton start for their home in Marianna overland this morning. Their many friends here will miss them, and regret that their stay could not have been longer.

Mrs B. Vestus Brock and little son Vestus Wilsen, Mrs C. I. Wells and Miss Lewis, of Birmingham, Ala., who have been boarding here since June 15th, will leave on the Tarpon Friday for a short visit in Pensacola before returning to their home in Birmingham.

Capt Bert Ware with crew started for their fish camp on the gulf beach on Monday last, to get the camp in readiness for the commencement of the seasons fishing which begins today. His crew consists of Guy Gainer, Lee Hilliard, Clem Clarkson, Mason McKinnie John Johnson, and Walker Gwaltney.

On Monday the launch Eva May took a party to Millville, and from there to the gulf beach, returning in the late evening. The party consisted of Messrs Casler, Lester, Yon, L. W. Crow, Philip West, and Raymond Sheppard, Mrs L. M. Ware, and the Misses Maggie Philips, Bessie Calhoun, Maggie Alderman, and Grace West. A very pleasant trip was had.

On Tuesday evening an informal musicale was held at the West home at Old Town. There were present Messrs Russ, Casler, Lester, Roderick Holiday, and H. Wynn, and Madames Russ, L. M. Ware, Witherill, and the Misses Beman Milton, Maggie Philips, Bessie Calhoun, Maggie Alderman, Theo Holiday, and Frances Russ. A very enjoyable evening was passed in listening to a choice and varied selection of local and instrumental music.

Wetappo.

Messrs Pitts and Weeks, of Bonifay, were here Monday going to Millville.

We are glad to see Miss Winnie Kronmiller out again after a few days sickness.

Mrs Spencer and son, of Wewahitchka, came in Wednesday and proceeded down the bay.

Messrs A. B. Sheffield, J. L. Kirvin and M. B. Davis have gone to St Joe with a St Andrew fishing crew.

Mr Farrel, wife and small son of Sneads, Fla., passed here Wednesday enroute for a few days outing at Parker.

Mr Bailey and wife, Mr Railsback, of Cromanton, passed through Monday and Tuesday going to Wewahitchka and returned Thursday.

We take pleasure in copying the following explanatory item from the Chipley Banner, that our readers may know the truth regarding the reports in circulation relative to the Rev. W. A. Bryan being the author of certain communications that have recently appeared in that paper in reference to bay matters.

Rev. W. A. Bryan tells us he is accused of being the author of the communications appearing in the Banner from the bay country. The parties making such accusation are very much mistaken, as Mr. Bryan has never written us a communication from that section of the country.